

# RENDELL E. DE KORT

## Development Economist

100% Aruban economist with 8 years Central Bank of Aruba experience and international expertise in monetary policy and Small Island Developing States economic resilience.



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010  
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2018

### Research Economist

Central Bank of Aruba

Oranjestad, Aruba

- Monetary Policy Support: Spearheaded development and maintenance of macroeconomic forecasting models for monetary policy decisions
- Financial System Analysis: Conducted comprehensive analysis of Aruba's financial sector and banking system stability
- Institutional Leadership: Served as Secretary to Monetary Policy Committee and Coordination Committee of public sector
- Economic Communication: Formulated and communicated official economic narratives and policy positions

2025  
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Present

### Senior Economic Advisor

To the Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Agriculture, Government of Aruba

Oranjestad, Aruba

- Policy Analysis: High-level economic analysis for government leadership on fiscal and monetary matters
- Parliamentary Engagement: Economic analysis presented and defended at parliamentary level
- Crisis Preparedness: Scenario planning for external economic shocks including potential trade disruptions

2020  
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Present

### Economist Consultant

The World Bank

Remote (Washington, DC office)

- Central Bank Advisory: Disaster Risk Financing assessments for Caribbean central banks and governments
- Financial System Resilience: Structuring catastrophe deferred drawdown options (CAT-DDO) for sovereign risk management
- Regional Expertise: Post-disaster needs assessments across Caribbean SIDS
- International Standards: Application of global best practices to small island financial systems

## CONTACT INFO

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## SKILLS

Central Banking: 8 years CBA research economist

Monetary Policy: Macroeconomic modeling and forecasting

International Finance: World Bank consultant across Caribbean

SIDS Research: PhD candidate in economic resilience

Leadership: Government advisor and stakeholder management

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## LANGUAGES

Dutch: Native proficiency  
English: Native proficiency  
Papiamentu: Proficient  
Spanish: Conversational

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2018  
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Present

### Senior Partner

Capstone Research Group VBA - trade names: Cornerstone Economics / Lovely Data

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

- Financial Advisory: Strategic economic consulting while maintaining independence from financial sector relationships
- Corporate Governance: Risk management and compliance advisory for local institutions
- Public Communication: Economic commentary during COVID-19 crisis through nationally televised programs
- Data Analytics: Advanced economic modeling and business intelligence solutions

2024  
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2025

### Commissioner of State-owned Enterprise

Aruba Agri Development Company N.V.

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

2012  
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2024

### Adjunct faculty

University of Aruba

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

- Political and Economic Development (Faculty Arts & Science)
- Macro Economics (Faculty Accounting, Finance & Marketing)
- Small Island Developing States (Faculty Arts & Science)
- COVID-19 Food Security and Economic Diversity in the CAS islands (ZonMw research project)

2019

### Consultant Tourism Statistics and National Accounts Statistics

Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

- Programmed analysis of tourism expenditure survey data
- Coordinated data system for quarterly firm-level GDP aggregation
- Developed data pipeline combining multiple firm-level data sources



## EDUCATION

2022  
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Expected  
2028

### VU University Amsterdam

Ph.D. candidate: Economic resilience to external shocks in Small Island States

📍 Remote (the Netherlands)

- Advisor: Prof. Kees Boersma, Professor of socio-technical innovation and societal resilience
- Co-advisor: Prof. Mark Sanders, Professor of International Economics, Maastricht University

2008  
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2009

### University of Manchester

Msc. in Development Economics & Policy

📍 Manchester, UK

- Thesis: Searching for Binding Constraints on Economic Growth in Aruba: Applying the Growth Diagnostics Approach
- Courses: Econometrics, Public Sector Economics, Stabilization & Development, Macroeconomics and Applied Development Econometrics

2007  
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2008

### University of Nottingham

Graduate Diploma Economics

📍 Nottingham, UK

• Courses: Mathematics for Economists, Advanced Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, Health Economics and Econometrics

• Leadership: Contributor to Nottingham Economic Review and elected student representative at the school of Economics

2003  
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2007

### Inholland University of Applied Sciences

Bachelor of Business Administration

📍 Rotterdam, the Netherlands

• International experience: Semester at Ecole Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur (ESCE) in Paris France (Erasmus exchange)



## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017

### Forecasting tourism demand through search queries and machine learning

IFC Bulletin, Bank for International Settlements No. 44

📍 Bali, Indonesia

### Building Aruba's Food Security During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

Co-authored as part of a diverse team of World Bank experts 📍 2020

### COVID-19 Post-Disaster Needs Assessment Bonaire: Socioeconomic assessment (March - December 2020)

Co-authored as part of a diverse team of World Bank experts 📍 2021

2024

### Strengthening Economic Resilience in Small Island States: A Situational Analysis of Food Entrepreneurship

Co-authored (with S Obispo, A Carmon Baez, E Echteld and E Mijts) as part of a ZonMw project on food security on the CAS islands

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba

2011

### Getting the price right: Calibrating tourism price measures for Aruba

Co-authored (with W. Mosher) for the Annual Review Seminar "Macroeconomic Policy And the Way Forward"

📍 Bridgetown, Barbados

### The economic valuation of agriculture in Aruba

Chapter in The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Aruba (with F. Lacle)

📍 2018

2022

### Diagnostics on the technology divide on Aruba

Co-authored through Cornerstone Economics for Aruba Futura foundation

📍 Oranjestad, Aruba



## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

2021

### Young Leaders of the Americas Professional fellow

The U.S. Department of State

📍 Washington, U.S.

2019	<b>Top 5 nomination Best in Business Award 2019</b> Guardian Group	📍 Oranjestad, Aruba
2016   2018	<b>Founding Curator Oranjestad Global Shapers</b> Global Shapers Community - an initiative of the World Economic Forum	📍 Oranjestad, Aruba
2022   2023	<b>Board Member and Secretary Centro Deportivo Playa</b> Multi-functional sport facility restoration board	📍 Oranjestad, Aruba
2015   2024	<b>Board Member and Treasurer Fundacion Guia Mi</b> Government foundation for child welfare and foster family guidance	📍 Oranjestad, Aruba
2014   2015	<b>President Kiwanis Young Professionals Aruba (KYPA)</b> Young professionals service organization	📍 Oranjestad, Aruba